linseed cake [MATER] The residue formed during pressing of commercial linseed oil; used for cattle feed and fertilizer.

linseed oil [MATER] A product made from the seeds of the flax plant by crushing and pressing either with or without heat; formulated in various grades and with various drying agents and used as a vehicle in oil paints and as a component of oil varnishes.

lintel [BUILD] A horizontal member over an opening, such as a door or window, usually carrying the wall load.

linter [MECH ENG] A machine for removing fuzz linters from ginned cottonseed.

linters [BOT] Short residual fibers that adhere to ginned cottonseed; used for making fabrics that do not require long fibers.

linuron [ORG CHEM] A powder, 3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1-methoxy-1-methylurea, soluble in organic solvents; used as a selective pre- or postemergence herbicide.

LIOCS [ADP] Set of routines handling buffering, blocking, label checking, and overlap of input/output with processing. Derived from logical input/output control system.

lion [VERT 200] Felis leo. A large carnivorous mammal of the family Felidae distinguished by a tawny coat and blackish tufted tail, with a heavy blackish or dark-brown mane in the male.

Lion See Leo.

Liopteridae [INV 200] A small family of hymenopteran insects in the superfamily Cynipoidea.

Liouville equation [STAT MECH] An equation which states that the density of points representing an ensemble of systems in phase space which are in the neighborhood of some given system does not change with time.

Liouville-Neumann series [MATH] An infinite series of functions constructed from the given functions in the Fredholm equation which under certain conditions provides a solution. Also known as Neumann series.

Liouville's theorem [MATH] Every function of a complex variable which is bounded and analytic in the entire complex plane must be constant.

lip [ANAT] A fleshy fold above and below the entrance to the mouth of mammals. [MED] The margin of an open wound. [SCI TECH] The edge of a hollow cavity or container.

Lipalian [GEOL] A hypothetical geologic period that supposedly antedated the Cambrian.

Liparidae [INV 200] The equivalent name for Lymantriidae. **lipase** [BIOCHEM] An enzyme that catalyzes the hydrolysis of fats or the breakdown of lipoproteins.

lipemia [MED] The presence of a fine emulsion of fatty substance in the blood. Also known as lipidemia; lipoidemia.

Liphistiidae [INV ZOO] A family of spiders in the suborder Liphistiomorphae in which the abdomen shows evidence of true segmentation by the presence of tergal and sternal plates.

Liphistiomorphae [INV ZOO] A suborder of arachnids in the order Araneida containing families with a primitively segmented abdomen.